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SUBJECT: SADAT INTERVIEW IN "LE FIGARO"

1. "LE FIGARO" OF JANUARY 24 CARRIES LENGTHY INTERVIEW WITH EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT WHICH FOR MOST PART COVERS FAMILIAR GROUND. THE FOLLOWING PASSAGES OF THE EXCHANGE WITH CORRESPONDENT MARC LUGET MAY BE OF INTEREST:

2. "QUESTION: DO YOU THINK THAT ISRAEL CAN ACCEPT THE PLO'S TAKING POWER IN THE WEST BANK?

ANSWER: ISRAEL MUST FACE REALITY AND STOP PLAYING OSTRICH. PEACE IN THE NEAR EAST DEPENDS BASICALLY ON
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THE SOLUTION OF THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. SINCE THE

RABAT SUMMIT, THE PLO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PALESTINIANS, FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENT AND FOR THEIR LAND. ISRAEL OUGHT TO UNDERSTAND THAT FACT AND THE UNITED STATES CAN PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE, A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE MATTER.

3. Q: WILL RECOGNITION OF THE PLO BY THE AMERICANS BE SECRET OR PUBLIC?

A: I HOPE IT WILL BE PUBLIC.

4. Q: DO YOU ONLY WISH IT OR DO YOU HAVE REASONS TO BELIEVE SO?

A: I HAVE REASONS TO BELIEVE SO."

5. SADAT ALSO INDICATED THAT THE PERPETRATORS OF THE TERRORIST ATTACK AT TUNIS AIRPORT ARE IN LIBYA WHERE THEY WERE HELD AFTER TUNISIA HANDED THEM OVER TO THE PLO.

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